

**COMBINED DECLARATION AND  
POWER OF ATTORNEY FOR PATENT APPLICATION**

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled

**ZERO GROUND DISTURBANCE SYSTEM**

the specification of which:

X        is attached hereto.

\*        was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as United States Application Number or  
PCT International Application Number \_\_\_\_\_ and was amended on  
\_\_\_\_\_.

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(a)-(d) of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

<u>Number</u>	<u>Country</u>	<u>Day/Month/Year Filed</u>	<u>Is Priority Claimed?</u>
---------------	----------------	-----------------------------	-----------------------------

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 119(e) of any United States provisional application(s) listed below.

<u>Application Number</u>	<u>Filing Date</u>
60/430,589	December 2, 2002

I hereby claim the benefit under Title 35, United States Code, § 120 of any United States application(s) listed below and, insofar as the subject matter of each of the claims of this

application is not disclosed in the prior United States application in the manner provided by the first paragraph of Title 35, United States Code, § 112, I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56 which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of this application.

Serial No.      Filing Date      Patented, Pending, or Abandoned

I hereby appoint the attorneys and/or agents at Customer Number 23446 to prosecute this application and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

Address all telephone calls to John Held at telephone number:

(312) 775-8000.

Address all correspondence to:

John Held  
McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.  
34th Floor  
500 W. Madison Street  
Chicago, Illinois 60661

I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

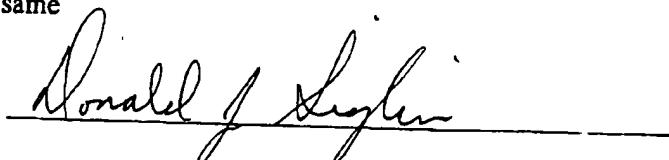
This declaration names six (6) inventor(s) below.

---

Information about the first inventor:

(given name, family name): Donald J. Siglin  
Residence: 526 W. Woodlawn Dr.  
Citizenship: Oro Valley, AZ 85737  
Post Office Address: United States  
same

First inventor's signature:



First inventor's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Signed: \_\_\_\_\_

Information about the second inventor:

(given name, family name): David A. Ver Steeg  
Residence: 4600 S. Kristen Circle  
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57106  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: same

Second inventor's signature: David A. Ver Steeg

Date Signed: Nov. 25th, 2003

Information about the third inventor:

(given name, family name): Charles L. Hammond  
Residence: 706 Montgomery Court  
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: same

Third inventor's signature: Charles L. Hammond

Date Signed: Nov. 25, 2003

Information about the fourth inventor:

(given name, family name): Gary D. Seeba  
Residence: 6205 W. 58th Street  
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57106  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: same

Fourth inventor's signature: Gary D. Seeba

Date Signed: November 25, 2003

Information about the fifth inventor:

(given name, family name): Keith M. Polzin  
Residence: 27054 468th Avenue  
Tea, S.D. 57064  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: same

Fifth inventor's signature: Keith M. Polzin

Date Signed: November 25, 2003

Information about the sixth inventor:

(given name, family name): Gary L. Hoover  
Residence: 2100 S. Judy Avenue  
Sioux Falls, S.D. 57103  
Citizenship: United States  
Post Office Address: same

Sixth inventor's signature: Gary L. Hoover

Date Signed: 11-25-03